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ready to rush in and trust to luck and an assumed superiority in the American fighter! We forget that modern guns and modern discipline have largely wiped out the "natural superiority" of one soldier over another. Mobs, though composed of the bravest men, are easily scattered by a small, well-disciplined regular force.

Of course our wars of the future will be largely sea fights or confined to our coasts, but we are as neglectful in that direction as in our preparations for a great land fight. Fortifications are inadequate, guns and ammunition scarce, of the modern type, no trained forces are ready to man the forts, the navy is small and docking facilities—absolutely nothing!

Of all the silly blatherers on earth, it is the American congressman whose voice is for war and whose vote is against every ordinary preparation for self-defense; who indulges in the "can-whip-our-weight-invidious" oratory and leaves tens of thousands of citizens and hundreds of millions of property at the mercy of any modern warship; who would be as aggressive in foreign matters as Germany or Great Britain, while as defenseless as China! About a year's disaster with a brush with a foreign power would go a long way toward curing "spread-eagleism" in this country.

## LOOKING OVER THE SOUTH.

In the Eastern portion of the South at present there are many excursion parties from the Middle States and the Northwest, prospecting with a view of changing their homes. One of the most important parties is composed of a large number of Scandinavian editors, whose homes are scattered along the Northern tier of our States.

These editors have reported to the Georgia papers that the Swedes and Norwegians in this country are not by any means enamored of the blizzard ridden sections of the North and Northwest, where the savings of six months of the year are consumed in feeding and warming themselves and their families during the other six months. Although originally from a cold climate they are becoming tired of the trying life and hard conditions in the North and are now anxious to find a more genial climate and more fertile soil.

This is direct testimony to the growing emigration sentiment in the North and in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. When the Swedes and Norwegians begin to tire of the North we can look for a large influx of homeseekers from that section to the South. These people, too, are a desirable addition to the agricultural forces of any section. They are generally honest, intelligent, industrious and law-abiding and would do well in almost any part of the South.

Why it is, however, that the attention of so many of these restless or dissatisfied residents of the Northwest is turned toward the Southern States east of the Mississippi, rather than Texas? Do they still imagine that this is an undeveloped cattle plain, without the comforts and adjuncts of civilization that are to be found in the other Southern States?

Texas is directly south of the Northwest, is free from negro population and competition than the balance of the South, has cheaper and better lands, a large water belt, as well as grazing territory and would naturally attract the notice of the homeseeker west of the Mississippi who wanted a location in the South. That Georgia and Alabama and Florida are getting so many more excursion parties from the North and West than Texas, is only explicable, therefore, on two grounds—either the railroads are more active in behalf of the territory east of the Mississippi or Texas has been given too bad a reputation in the upper tier of States.

In either event it would pay our people to look more closely after those matters and secure a larger interest, among homeseekers, with reference to Texas. We want more population and we should prefer the increase to come from the industrious and hardy settlers of the Northwest. Increase of population of the character described means greater taxable wealth and more trade and industry. We can't afford to let other Southern communities lead us in growth and development.

## IMPENDING MASSACRES IN CHINA.

It is not a matter for surprise to hear news from the Far East that foreigners in China are again being mistreated and, in fact, that throughout the interior of the country riots are occurring, while even in the coast cities insults are freely offered to representatives of all nationalities.

The cablegrams tell us that in Japan also the anti-foreign sentiment in the interior and in ports that are to be opened under recent treaties, is strong and bitter. What else could we expect?

The action of France on the south of China; the aggressions of Russia in Corea and in Manchuria, and of Germany at Kiau Chau, are notifications to China that the foreigner is encroaching so rapidly and so much like a robber that not to oppose him is to be wiped out as a nation and possibly subjected to slavery. These outrages by Christian powers constitute both the cause and the warrant for active hostility towards foreigners in China. The Japanese, noting the high-handed movement against the territory of their big neighbor, naturally feel that their turn may come next.

These so-called Christian nations of Europe, with their policy of reckless and violent conquest, their theory, in effect, that might makes right, and their brutal trampling down of all religions and customs of thousands of years standing, are simply impressing the Orientals with the conviction that the worst of barbarians are threatening their very existence.

No distinctions are drawn between Americans and Europeans when the popular mass come to resent these encroachments by foreigners. It will be a lucky stroke for the temporary sojourners in China if they are not all butchered some fine morning to make a Chinese holiday! We can hardly hold the ignorant mobs morally responsible—the crime will have to be laid at the doors of the European freebooters. It is unfortunate, however, that the innocent foreigners domiciled in

the East will have to suffer for the ambitious schemes of European rulers and cabinets.

One can scarcely blame the Dallas News because of its refusal to print Buffalo's editorial "trial" in its paper. It is frequently a two or three line notice of somebody's views or position, get into the paper, and immediately disappear. The person referred to in the Dallas News is not the Dallas News, but an individual public who rises up in righteous wrath at anything like an attempt to publish what every aspirant for notoriety and every self-constituted statesman may want to inflict on the public—Waco Telephone.

That may be so, but when a newspaper misrepresents a man or does him an injustice of any sort, in its news columns or otherwise, it is a duty owed to that man to correct the error. That is fair journalism, and it is common honesty.

Zola came dangerously near being the beginning point of a revolution.

The Post says that "the scene of Houston's efforts in behalf of the Buffalo bazaar, which 'trial' will, in a few days, be transferred to Washington City." It might as well be taken there as anywhere else; the efforts of that kind of headway anywhere else, and had better die in some distant city than at home—Port Arthur Herald.

What's the matter with you, bud? Don't you think it would be better in you to attend strictly to your own little affair down there?

It is astonishing that professedly astute diplomats are still to be found who will express honest sentiments in a letter.

Now that it begins to percolate through the intelligence of the Washington administration that De Lome took snap judgment against us and escaped all censure, direct or implied, our big chiefs are beginning to get mad and want Spain to engage in some explanations. The "incident" may, after all, become the father of incidents of a doubly interesting nature.

If Mr. Luetgert is to be tried again the country should find Mrs. Luetgert at any cost, if she is above ground.

It is said that it will pay Mr. McKimley to watch the Hun, Benjamin Harrison of Indiana. The present occupant of the White House will have to make character faster than he has been doing for a year past or even Mr. Hanna will be unable to buy the nomination a second time for him. McKimley lacks much of being the man Harrison is.

The slushy streets in Boston have enabled the newspapers to discover that plaid stockings have not yet made any great headway in that city. Prim and prudish to the last!

A man who has returned to Texas from the Klondike thinks this State is good enough for him. This experience, if properly appreciated, might save some adventurous Texans a lot of money and prevent much bitter disappointment. Ordinarily more profit will be found in 5-cent cotton than going to the Klondike.

It is hoped that our revenue cutters will get a needed rest, now that the energetic De Lome has been relieved of their command.

The vote of Senator Murphy of New York on the Teller resolution has injected the financial question into State politics in New York, whether the politicians want it or not. And Mr. Murphy is not going to get so badly left, even in New York, as some people imagine.

A rush from Dallas to the Klondike is reported. What! And all the political headquarters centering at Dallas! Evidently Texas is not an Ohio when it comes to politics.

The "international agreement" feature has been removed from the financial question now. The present stand of the republican party has greatly simplified the issue—it is now gold against bimetalism, without reference to the action of others.

Certain Massachusetts cotton manufacturers will try Georgia more extensively as a manufacturing field. It is to be hoped they will not introduce New England labor conditions along with the factories.

Hawaiian leprosy is far more dangerous to this country than any possible "foreign influence" at Honolulu. With the islands annexed we could not prevent free ingress and egress through San Francisco of our Hawaiian citizens.

Without reference to who Mr. Meek is or where he came from, this end of the State would be glad to see Hon. Walter Burns on the Federal bench in Texas, so long as a republican must be appointed.

The cattle dipping experiments to be made at Fort Worth by the government will be watched with great interest. Their complete success would relieve Texas cattle of vexatious quarantines and banish the fear of Texas fever.

## POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE.

The presentation of the testimonial to ex-Mr. Heener of Baltimore, in recognition of his stand for good government while he was mayor, will take place on February 18. The testimonial is a beautiful silver vase.

By a curious chance, the descendants of Col. Knowlton, who sent Nathan Hale the young revolutionary hero, on his fatal mission, are now living next door to the descendants of the young patriot's family in Chicago.

Alfred Bolt, the South African millionaire, who married Mrs. Moreau, Charles Wyndham's leading woman, is one of Cecil Rhodes's right-hand men. He has been one of the great matrimonial prizes of London for two or three years.

Clemence Laure, the Provencal poetess and founder of the Jeune France, who is still the pride of Toulouse, has been wiped out of existence by an inquisitive German named Rosenbach. After examining the archives of Southern France, he declares that there never was a person named Clemence Laure.

The archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Temple, is said to be unexcelled in the Church of England as a button-sewer and stock-darner. His successor in the see of London, Bishop Creighton, makes it his boast that he sews on his own ecclesiastical buttons, and once dexterously mended a lady's glove.

The family burying ground where the remains of Major Moses P. Handy are interred, who died in the Spanish war, is in Berlin, Md., the first church of Mr. Handy's father, and the oldest Presbyterian house of worship in the country. Only two trains a week run to this little Maryland hamlet.

The Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke, pastor of the Brick Church of New York, is delivering a course of lectures on Biblical subjects at Haverford college, near Philadelphia, the keynote of which seems to be the striking substitution of the Scripture narrative by the archeological discoveries of the last half century.

## Not Even a Second Thought.

Kyle Star-Vindicator.

This talk about Governor Culberson's betrayal of the tariff question is the veriest stuff. Texas democrats will not even give it a second thought.

## CRUISER MAINE BLOWN UP.

(Continued from First Page.)

Maine in one of the boats of the cruiser Alfonso XIII and seen others of the wounded, who corroborate the statement of those first interviewed, that they were all asleep when the explosion occurred.

## BLOWN FROM THEIR BUNKS.

Officers Were Nevertheless Self-Possessed and Brave.

Captain Sigbee said the explosion occurred in the bow of the vessel. He received a wound in the head. Orders were given to the other officers to save themselves as best they could. The latter, who were literally thrown from their bunks in their night clothes, gave the necessary orders with great self-possession and bravery.

At 11 o'clock the Maine continued burning.

Admiral Manterola believes that the first explosion was of a grenade shell that was hurled over the navy yard.

## LONG IS CALM.

Probable Causes of the Accident Not Discussed.

Washington, February 15.—Secretary Long received Captain Sigbee's dispatch but a few minutes before the Associated Press dispatches from Havana were handed him. He received the news with apparent calm and his first act was to comply with Captain Sigbee's request that assistance be sent from Key West. He immediately wired Captain Forsythe at Key West to proceed with the naval tender Fern to Havana harbor.

Secretary Long then sent for Captain Dickens and the two discussed Captain Sigbee's brief telegram. No other naval officers were present, and besides the secretary and Captain Dickens the naval colony here is ignorant of this disaster, the greatest that has befallen the American navy since the disaster at Apia many years ago.

The secretary is inclined to believe that most of the officers of the Maine were on shore at the time of the accident, as it was still early in the night. While neither the secretary nor Captain Dickens are inclined to discuss the probable cause of the accident, several opinions were ventured. It may have been caused by a fire in the bunkers, heating the powder, or the accident may have occurred while inspecting high explosives for torpedoes. Of course, this is mere speculation and the secretary is anxiously awaiting a more detailed report from Captain Sigbee.

Later the secretary sent another telegram to Key West, directing that the tender Mangrove also be sent to Havana.

## ZOLA AND ESTERHAZY.

The Count Declares He Would Willingly Shoot Jews.

London, February 15.—The Daily News this morning publishes interviews had by its correspondent, David Christie Murray, with M. Zola and Comte Esterhazy. Mr. Murray says Zola appeared more calm than at the beginning and observed: "Whatever the result may be we are producing a better effect than we had dared to hope. We owe his to M. LaBorie's energies."

"If I secure an acquittal we shall march rapidly to the conclusion. But if I am condemned I believe the affair will become graver."

When Mr. Murray told M. Zola he was going to interview Comte Esterhazy, M. Zola said: "Esterhazy is the most interesting of human documents. He is a thorough going bandit, but a brave one. He has undeniable courage and knows how to defend himself like a lion."

Comte Esterhazy, in his conversation with Mr. Murray, declared himself the victim of a miserable Jewish plot.

"It is impossible that this drama should close without scenes of violence. Likely enough the streets of Paris will be strewn with 100,000 killed before this miserable business is brought to a close. As for my part, I should ask nothing better than to lead my regiment against the Jews of Paris. I would shoot them without barrel or anger, but as a work of public safety and as willingly as if they were so many rabbits."

## STATE CAPITAL ITEMS.

Appointments for Southwest Texas Division, U. C. V.

Austin, Texas, February 15.—The following general order appointing staff officers has been issued by Brevet Major General Joe G. Poeth, commanding Southwest Texas Division of United Confederate Veterans:

General Order No. 2.—

Headquarters Southwest Division, U. C. V., Austin, Texas, February 12.—The following staff officers are hereby appointed:

B. M. Phelps of John B. Hood camp, adjutant general and chief of staff, with the rank of colonel.

R. G. King, Belton, Texas, inspector general, with the rank of colonel.

W. B. Walker of John B. Hood camp, quartermaster general, with rank of lieutenant colonel.

J. B. Rogers of John B. Hood camp, commissary general, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Fred Carleton of John B. Hood camp, judge advocate, with rank of lieutenant colonel.

Dr. Frank Rainey of John B. Hood camp, surgeon general, with rank of lieutenant colonel.

W. C. Denison of John B. Hood camp, chaplain general, with rank of lieutenant colonel.

W. R. Hamby of John B. Hood camp, aide de camp, with rank of major.

Will Lambert of Dick Dowling camp, aide de camp, with rank of major.

The camps and comrades of the Southwest

## MINISTER DE LOME HAS DEPARTED FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, February 15.—The late Spanish minister, Senor Dupuy de Lome, accompanied by his family, left Washington this afternoon for New York, whence they sail tomorrow for Liverpool. A large delegation from the diplomatic corps gave a hearty au revoir at the station to their late associate. The entire staff of the Spanish legation, headed by Senor Dulose, were present. Senor Dupuy de Lome passed among his former associates, giving them a hearty farewell, and Mme. de Lome waived her hand to the men and embraced the ladies. Quite a number of outsiders were attracted by the gathering, but further than this the party was entirely quiet and unobtrusive.

## CHARTERED.

The Spiritual Temple of Port Worth today filed its charter with the secretary of state; capital stock \$10,000. Incorporators: S. S. Perry, J. A. Rexford, Gus Clark, John L. Jackson and A. A. Kankle. This corporation is formed for "the support of public worship in inculcating and disseminating the truths, the philosophy, the sciences and the religion of spiritualism."

NEW YORK.—In a letter to Tomas Estrada Palma, General Gomez says he has not changed his headquarters.

NEW ORLEANS.—The constitutional convention elected Lieutenant Governor Snyder and Judge McC. Laurion vice president.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—Smallpox has been declared epidemic here. There are twenty-nine cases. All saloons and the public schools are closed.

FALLS CITY, Neb.—John Helebach, who murdered his wife, Mrs. Humboldt, on the night of December 4, 1887, hanged himself in the county jail.

NEW ORLEANS.—Judge Pardee has ever ruled as a precedent and has ordered that a writ be issued on the libel charging her with libelousness.

VALPARAISO, Ind.—Frank Rosenberg accidentally shot and killed Harry T. Smart at the Central Hotel. The latter was twenty-nine years of age. All saloons and the public schools are closed.

BOSTON, Mass.—The house of representatives put a quorum on the attempt to amend the constitution and give women the right of suffrage by a vote of 97 to 41.

CHICAGO.—The stockholders of the Rock Island road have agreed on a scheme for providing for the redemption of the road. It provides for \$100,000,000 in gold bonds at 5 per cent.

ST. LOUIS.—The Burlington route, commencing on February 16, will inaugurate the first of the sleeping cars between St. Louis and Portland.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—The first day of the midwinter shooting tournament opened under most favorable auspices. The weather was beautiful and there was a large crowd in attendance.

SHERIDAN, Mo.—The Farmers' bank was entered by burglars. The vault was broken into and \$2400 in cash and \$6000 in drafts. The burglars crossed the line into Iowa and